IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended version:

--A ~~live snapshot of a first storage that is logically subdivided into a plurality of blocks is generated in a running computer system a manner to minimise the impact on the running of the computer system~~ method and mechanism for generating a snapshot in a computing system. On initiating ~~the~~ a snapshot of a first storage, the content of a portion of the first storage that includes at least one block is copying to snapshot storage and a copied indication for each copied block is recording in a copy map. ~~In response~~ Responsive to any write request to a block for which no copied indication has been recorded in the copy map, the content of the block is copied to the snapshot storage, prior to writing to that block. ~~A copied indication for the copied block is also recorded in the copy map.~~ The content of other blocks for which no copied indication has been recorded in the copy map is successively copied to the snapshot storage. A copied indication for each copied block is ~~also~~ recorded in the copy map. ~~This process then continues until the content of all of the plurality of blocks has been copied to the snapshot storage.~~ The successive copying can be performed as a background task.--